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The Journey Begins

Can any human know the answers to the secrets of life? How does a person get that knowledge? Is there a class? If there was, wouldn't we all take it? I know I would have. But alas there is no such class. There are only two ways that anyone can understand this much about life. Either attend the college of hard knocks or have a guide who did just that.

I was always the misfit. I spent my life trying to understand the how and why of every situation. I never could understand the 'norm' so I studied it. Why do people graduate high school, go to a job or to college, buy houses and cars and live their lives? How can someone be happy choosing one profession and working it all her life? How do people adhere to cultural standards or adapt to them if they are a transplant? What makes people tick?

Some of the most perplexing ideas for me were the ones that everyone else deemed as normal. My mind challenged everything. Who wrote the textbooks and decided the standards that students should adhere to? Who decided what was status quo and what was

inappropriate? Why do so many people seem to follow the same rules of life? Did I miss a memo? Did I miss the class?

At first I looked in all of the wrong places. I was kicked out of high school and sent to an alternative high school because I loved to pull pranks. For example, tape recorders in the lockers screaming "Help me! I am stuck, get me out of here!" Conveniently set to go off mid-way through class. I was the one Saran wrapping the urinals and pulling fire alarms on days when we had a test that I had not studied for. Basically I was a terror.

I was raised a Christian, but when I was a teenager I did not see enough evidence of God, so I switched to the other side and delved into occult. I did not find the answers that I was looking for there so I moved into New Age. Still I did not find my answers so I looked into Eastern Religions. I did not find my answers there either, so I continued to search.

I have been a 'party girl', a blue collar worker, a white collar worker, a business owner, a musician, an author, a mother, a student and a teacher. I have worked many different jobs and had many different circumstances. I have even been very poor and very rich.

Yet it was always the same. It seemed to me that none of it made any sense at all. As if the world was under a blindfold and continued on without question, while I questioned everything. I never fit in and I never could understand why people stayed under a finite set of protocols. Most people did not challenge anything. Whatever the so called 'norm' was is how they lived their life. Those who did not follow that ‘norm’ seemed to be excluded or left behind.

Everywhere I looked, people seemed very happy. Yet the deeper that I looked, the more I realized that was indeed not the case. Even the people that seemed 'normal' on the outside were under turmoil on the inside. The more I studied people, the more I realized that we are not so different after all. Although most people do not question the rules that govern daily life, all people are very much alike on the inside. This breakthrough happened after I spent time with a wide spectrum of people. From high end professionals, like doctors and lawyers, to blue collar workers, like laborers and shift workers. The closer I got to each of them personally, the clearer my realizations became.

At first I used my knowledge in all of the wrong ways. I became a phone psychic. Sadly, I was extremely good. For the reason that I already knew the basics of human nature. Love, health and money were the key factors. When people called in to talk to me, I already knew it was about one of those three subjects. Within the first five minutes, the caller dropped me a few sentences to key me in as to which of the three we were dealing with. At first I felt this connection was a gift. The gift allowed me to read people. Then one day I woke up and to my dismay, I realized that if reading people was a gift, I could not be a part of a phone line that charged $2.99 per minute. These people stayed on with me for an hour and would often call back for another hour with me. At $180 an hour that was a total of $360. How could I charge for a gift? A gift is supposed to be free. So, I quit! I went on to counsel people for free. Eventually I became the person I am today. I spend a good three quarters of my time counseling teens and younger people. When you have been in as many circumstances as I have, there is not too much you cannot counsel on because there is not too much you have not personally seen or experienced.

Through it all, my life began to take shape. Because I have questioned most everything, I have had to do the research. This means that I have a lot of trial and error under my belt. I know a lot of the answers to life and I try to use those answers to help others on their own journey. Anyone I have helped is farther down the road than I was and can build upon what they have learned, thereby giving the people that they help even more of the map. Back when I was first starting my journey, if I had been given the answers that are in this book, I would be ten times farther down the road than I am. My goal now is to help others with some shortcuts so that they can build upon what we discuss and can take it further than I could have ever gone.

Are my answers the only answers? No, you should build upon the things that I will share with you. In all aspects of life, people have built on what was before, refined it and made it even better. There is nothing new under the sun, it is only refined. If you have to start from scratch, the road is long and tedious. If you already have half of the map and can build upon what you already know, you have the opportunity to do great things. My goal with this book is to give you a foundation of who you are and to remove problems that hinder your

growth. From there, I hope that you take this knowledge and go on to do incredible things.

I have been writing this book for over fifteen years. The book has been rewritten many times as I refined myself. To be honest I am not done. Refining yourself is a life-long process. I will probably write the book again in ten more years and add more information. However, the book does no one any good sitting on a shelf. Thus I will share what I know and later, after I have learned more, I will share more.

The best way to help you to progress is to show you how to remove the mindsets that we all share which hinder our abilities of seeing the universal scale of life. The greatest gift you will ever give to yourself is an open mind. To be so open that you are able to set your own opinions and mindsets aside long enough to see things for what they really are, not in a worldly sense but on a universal scale, is key to all change. If you back an open mind with faith, you will be invincible. The bible states in Luke 17:6 "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree,' May you be uprooted and thrown into the sea,' and it will obey you." Matthew

17:20 says: "Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

In our world, we have been taught that life revolves around a set of protocols. We live under limitations, just as we have been taught to do by our parents, who were taught to do the same. Some of these protocols are important, like driving on the correct side of the road for your country. Some of these limitations are a hindrance. In our society, faith is considered an ignorance or weakness. Many people think that if you have faith you are passive and not addressing the problems. Yet, the bible clearly states that faith is a key factor. If you keep the limitations that society has placed upon the use of faith, you are hindering yourself. As it is with our other limitations, they will hinder your progression. As we progress through this book, we will see which programs to remove so that we can live fulfilled lives.

So are you ready to change your life? Are you ready to remove the hindering limitations? Turn the page and we will get started.

To Be or Not To Be

I spent time in my younger years studying artificial intelligence, C programming and robotics. I left because I did not like the direction that artificial intelligence was heading. Drones, robotics and artificial intelligence, or AI, were being used by the military in situations to make decisions where the human heart could otherwise cause a conflict of purpose. From a military standpoint, it is far easier to send in a robot that only follows exact orders than it is to send in a human whose conscience might cause a change of heart at the last minute. The military's first initiative is to teach each participant to explicitly follow orders; drones, robotics and AI play into this arena nicely because you do not have to strip away the outer core. You do not have to un-program the compassion of the human heart. You just program the unit to act as you wish.

Most of you do not know this but a computer is nothing more than a set of signals in either the on or off position. The windows program that you see on a personal computer is just an illusion. In the

background everything is in binary, which is a sequence of 0's and 1's. For example the letter 'A' looks like this: 01000001, 'B' looks like this: 01000010, and so on and so forth. Every time the zero is seen the power is off. Every time the one is seen the power is on. So basically the computer is nothing more than a series of gates that causes the electrical flow to turn on and off. Imagine your computer screen is one million little squares. In each of those squares you will find a sequence of six zeros and ones that make up the color of each one million squares producing the overall picture. Basically each of these sequences is a set of instructions, such as "Put color blue in my square" or “place this square in a specific location.”

Deoxyribonucleic Acid, or DNA, is the building block of our bodies with specific genomes that tell our body what we should look like. Like computer programming, DNA is also a sequence of instructions. Technically you and I are computers created by our Lord Jesus. However, Jesus gave us an added feature, we are artificial Intelligence. We have been programmed with basic running features. From there we are free to make choices based off our life experiences and from what we feel or think. Each choice creates a set of

circumstances. With each set of circumstances there are new choices to be made.

When I was younger, I used to read a book series called 'Choose your own adventure.' The books were set up under the same ideology. With each choice was a set of circumstances that created new choices. Each new choice led you down a new path. You could reread the book many times, changing your choices for different outcomes. It was a brilliant series that explained the basics of life to me. Where you are in life right now is the result of making a series of choices in reaction to events. Change the choices or events and you change your life. Thus, to change the future, you change your choices to events and create a new outcome.

Life is merely a stage, and each of us is an actor. If this were a movie starring you, would each of us want to be millionaires, lawyers, doctors, or pilots? Would we all want to wear the same color clothes, have the same hair or even have the same taste in music? If you had to write your own part, would you be interesting, boring, full of life or full of sadness? Would you play an intricate part or would you rather

play a supporting role? Would you be in a movie full of action or one that is a drama? So tell me, what part are you playing now?

You see, life is only a stage in which we act upon to understand a 'Cosmic Conflict.' When we were born, we entered the limelight; we entered our stage of life. Like a computer, our brain was programmed with an operating system to give us basic running features. As children our parents wrote most of our programming for us as they began to code our brains with new programs which taught us what we needed to know in order to survive. However, as we grew, we began to take control of which programs were loaded and how we want to play our part in the movie of life. How many people within this world act out a part that they hate? Why? We write the script; at any point in time we can change our script and act out a different part all together. We chose the role we are playing, why play a part we despise? What we portray is completely in our hands and thus everything that is futuristic is changeable.

People use God as an excuse. They act as if God has decided that they must live a life of hardship or a role that they despise. God did not decide that. He made you intelligent which means you decide

what you are going to do. God does not make you do anything. He tells you what He wants you to do and then loves you so much that He gives you a choice as to what you want to do. If you ask Him, He will help you make good choices but it is never forced or even implied. You hold all of the decisions. Don't think that you have no control, for you are in control just by stating that you have none.

When we are young, our parents make decisions for us. When we get older, we make our own decisions. All through life this process happens until you and I run out of breath. Each decision is a catalyst for the next phase of our life. Every one of us plays a very intricate part in the world. Our lives are full of many people and choices. Like ripples from a stone thrown into a pool of water, every decision made causes ripples through your life and the lives of those around you. Something as simple as changing your job can cause your family and yourself havoc or beautiful possibilities depending on how well thought out your course of action is. Each decision, no matter how small, is the basis in which the next sector of our life is built. Nothing is set in stone. Everything is changeable. However, to change your life, you must make different choices.

There are no limits in what you can write in your script, anything can happen. Which is why this movie is so darn interesting. You make all the choices utilizing what is presented to you. The ripple effect of each decision cascades over into other people's lives. This means that many lives become interconnected. You can only see the connections when you step back and look at the overall picture. It is just like looking at the screen of your computer. Thousands of small squares combined together to create one bigger picture. Any time you forget your way, step back and look at the overall picture. Look at your past, where you are at now and where you wish to be. Plan a course of action that is gentle and methodic towards your destination.

Observe the stage in which you act upon but trust your inner mind to discern illusion from reality. On this stage, discerning illusion from reality will not be easy. Most people believe that life is just life. They take it for granted and do not use it for anything special. It is as if life is a right. They act as if they can play their part without taking responsibility for their actions. Something that each of us should remember is that at the end of our life we will be taking full responsibility for everything we do, just like an actor in a movie stands

upon their performance in that movie. If you do not feel comfortable with the whole universe knowing that you are doing something, stop doing it. Take responsibility for your life. Set the stage in which you want to act upon. Manifest it through hard work and determination.

Being that you are the main actor in your aspect of this movie, what you do is very important. Even the most seemingly insignificant things may prove vastly important with the passage of time. There are never any coincidences. There is a right time for everything. Just the fact that you are reading this chapter now, in this point of your life is significant. When we gaze through higher eyes we begin to reveal the hidden meanings of life. The veil of illusion lifts and we are able to see the reality of what life really is. When that happens, you will open your eyes and see how many times your guardian angel has been there for you. You will see how many times a seemingly insignificant coincidence has been the catalyst for an important future event. When you look into your past, the pieces of the puzzle fit together and you can see how you became the person you are today. When you change the person you are today, you change your future. You accomplish this by making better, more informed decisions. You take

responsibility for what you are. You create your future by making decisions that will ensure the future you have chosen, instead of letting life chose for you. Jesus did not make you a robot. He made you with intelligence. You did not appear by chance, you were created.

Jesus wanted individuals. People who have spunk, creativity, a sense of humor, and a rationalizing mind. He did not want robots. If He had wanted robots, He would have created robots. Instead He gave you the freedom of choice. He gave you the ability to rationalize and to think about the information presented. You are not 'Sheeple' following the herd. You are an individual. Sometimes on Facebook in one or another of the groups I am connected with, I watch the 'religious' people make posts. It is like a ticker tape of Bible passages. No one really says much, they are just giving Bible passages. In Isaiah 1:18 The Lord says "Come Reason with ME" - he did not say, 'Just follow blindly.' He did not say give up your creativity and rationing mind and just do as I say. He did not say to cower or to be blind and mute. He did not say 'Just rattle off bible passages.' He said "COME REASON WITH ME."

The Lord knew that a discerning mind would see that He is just, He is wise, He is loving, He is Kind and He is reasonable. All of His requests are fair and wise. He is creative. He has a sense of humor. He loves. This is what He would like to see from you. Our Lord understands circumstances. Do you think He is going to be as mad at a starving child for stealing food to eat as He would be of a man stealing for fun? No. He understands each of us. We are each His children. I am an artist. The Lord knows this. The Lord understands my desire to create, to paint, to think, to rationalize and to write. He created me this way. He would prefer that I utilize my talents for something good.

However, I have the choice. I can use my talents any way I wish. If I choose to write a horror book, I get that right. Or I can chose to write this book and actually do good with my talent. I get to choose because I have the freedom to do so. Too often people dismiss that right by choosing nothing. They are just there breathing. They go through life as if life is just being born, growing older and dying. They go to school, they go to work, they do whatever society has told them that they should do. However, they never rise above. They

never think outside of the box. They do not reason or ascend to higher goals. That is a robot. Don't just follow blindly. Think about things and rationalize. Seek the deeper meanings and deeper connections. If you are an individual with the power of free choice, exercise that power.

Be warned, as you seek to make good choices, there are forces that will try to stop you. Every time you make the right decision, it seems that some obstacle or fear arises. It is almost an absolute. It is almost as if every time you get close to being on the right track, things start happening to derail you. Your faith will be challenged, your hope banished, your security stolen. Talk about heartbreak. It sometimes feels pointless. Friends turn on you, family is not there for you, obstacles keep arising, and the very essence of who you are seems to be stolen by the tragedies of life. How do I know? Because I am human. I am just like you.

I almost wonder if certain situations are a prerequisite. Do we each need to have these difficulties so that we can learn to overcome them and become one step closer to understanding those around us and the cosmos in general? Or, are we each programmed with the same

mindset from birth, and then go through these things in attempt to reclaim what we really are? Regardless, I find it interesting that everyone is going through much of the same trials. I find it equally interesting that most of us believe that we are alone and that no one could possibly begin to understand what we are going through. Knowing these facts, I have found that reprogramming your own ideologies is necessary. As you take the time to remove unessential programs from your mind, making room for new ideas, you will see that much of what was learned contributed to what you had to endure. As new ways of thinking are added to our mental computer the stage we play upon and our mindsets become altered. At that point change begins. In order to make any changes, you have to alter the ideologies that have contributed to your behavior. As you begin to change how you think, your actions will follow. Your only obligation to yourself is to be the best person you can be. The deepest question you should ask yourself is, "Who Am I?" As you begin to figure out who you are, you can better decide what you want to do in life. Prayer is the best answer to the question of "Who am I?" Ask for guidance. Read your Bible. Understand yourself in relationship to the universe in general. It is at

that point you can understand others. When you can understand others, you can fit all of the pieces together and see the whole picture. A computer screen takes millions of tiny little squares or pixels to formulate one image. A story of universal love takes millions of actors to portray.

This stage is very intense, very dramatic. We go through many things that, at times, seem too much to bear. We need to learn to reset our minds, to remember we are the actors and not the victims. A wise man once stated that the level of our ignorance is the depth of our belief in injustice and tragedy. What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the Master calls a butterfly. You are the actor and the writer of your script. Play the part any way you wish, write your future any way you like. The transitional periods may be a bit difficult to work out, but this is your movie. Make it the best darn movie the universe has ever seen.

We are the beholders of our future. Nothing is set in stone. To be or not to be, that is the question. To be or not to be, that is the answer.

I Know That I Know Nothing

The first program to be removed is the illusion of enlightenment. Pompously, we claim to be an enlightened and educated species, not realizing that we are just mere ants that walk the face of the universe. Imagine explaining the schematics of a 747 to an ant. Would that ant even begin to understand the notion you are trying to convey? No, just as we cannot comprehend the schematics of our universe. We are still trying to understand the basic format of quantum physics let alone the entire universe. So, how can any one of us claim to be wise, when in reality we know nothing?

To believe that you are educated or wise is to be a fool. You may have thoroughly educated yourself in one small aspect of our worldly reality, but that knowledge is nothing more than a mere drop of water in an ocean of information. When Socrates stated "I know that I know nothing" this is what he meant. He may have been educated in many things, but he knew that his knowledge was nothing more than a raindrop on the ocean.

Look out your window. That is all lower reality. Aside from nature, everything you see is man-made. To base what you know off what you have learned in this lower reality is foolish. When we leave this small planet, everything we have learned about how this planet serves only to prepare us for infinite possibilities.

People view who they are and where they are going by looking at the circumstances or stage in which they live upon. They often put their journeys off until they reach a monetary plateau of safety, believing that they must have financial security before they can obtain what they search for. This is a misconception. If you base your journey on plateaus of any kind, you will find that there is always a higher plateau. Every time we reach what we thought we were looking for, more of what we want is just out of reach.

To place things we want or need on a back burner until the time is right is nothing more than wasting time. For the time will never be right. To truly find enlightenment all you must do is live life to the fullest of your capabilities and open your mind to the possibilities. Live as if tomorrow may not come without endangering tomorrow if it happens. Don't do something that could cause you

difficulties if tomorrow arrives, but remember life is short. We should enjoy every day as if it could be our last.

Too often, we fall into a mindset that there is always tomorrow. How many times have you heard someone say "I wish I had done that?" That statement signifies regret. If you are living life to its fullest, you will not have regrets. You will look back over the years of life and know you did everything you could with what you were given. To live a life without regret is peace. Living a life based on these man-made plateaus is not peace. People are continually trying to reach those plateaus without living life to its fullest. What they fail to realize is that when they get to where they think they want to be, there will be another plateau. It is a never-ending battle. It is not only where you are going, but also how you get there that is important. Don't take any day for granted, and don't assume that there is always tomorrow. Tomorrow may never come. Stop to smell the roses. Play at the park. Go see a movie. Listen to your local band. Stop in for coffee. Talk to your friends. Make more friends by joining clubs or organizations for pastimes. Enjoy quiet evenings at home. Enjoy a good novel. Don't forget the smaller things in life as you handle the needs.

I used to be a robot. I tried to be appropriate in every situation. I worried about what other people thought about me. It took me some time to realize that people are just human. Truthfully it does not matter what any human thinks about you. It only matters what God and your guardian angel thinks about you. Some people think I am wild, some think I am reserved, some people think I am mean and others think I am a pushover. In a way I am all the above. However, I am just me and I am going to be just me. If I can turn to my guardian angel with a clear conscience and say "Hey, how's it hanging?" then I think I am good. I will never be perfect and my guardian angel understands that. Out of all the angels, this one knows me best. God knows my heart and knows that I am trying to be the best I can be. If I can look to both God and my guardian angel with that clear conscience, doing nothing that I wish to hide from either, I am on the right path. Do I still do things wrong? Yes! None of us will ever be perfect, that was never the point. The goal is to get out there and try.

Life is not a robotic event. To truly live means to do the best you have with each situation and to try to really experience and understand that situation. Not all the situations are good. Divorce for

instance is not good. It hurts. However, if you are in this situation, it is how you handle it that matters. Are you kind and fair trying to do what is best for both parties? Or are you sneaky and vindictive, causing pain and hurt? Not all situations in life will feel good or be fun. How you handle each situation is what will make it beautiful or catastrophic. When you understand this, your life becomes meaningful and you will stop making decisions that you will later regret.

Regret is the wish to be able to change something of the past. A person cannot have regrets about the future for the future is not here yet and thus is changeable. Since you cannot change the past, what good does regretting something do for you? Look at the things that you once regretted as unresolved issues. Learn from those unresolved issues by trying not to make the same mistakes. Make new choices. You already did something that you wish you had not. So in the future do not make the same choice. No matter what situation you are faced with, stop and look at the whole situation. Pray about it and then proceed with a rational mind. Do not go off emotional instinct. People who go off emotion versus reason are often hot-tempered, flaky

and can seem unstable. As soon as the emotion changes, they change. They do not think about their actions and they do not rationalize consequences. Therefore, when they are thinking clearly they normally regret things that they did because it was the emotions that were in control and not the reasoning mind.

Sometimes regrets stem from an incident with someone that is no longer alive. These things can seem much more difficult to resolve. Whether you believe that the person is sleeping and waiting for Jesus' return or believe that he or she is already in heaven, you must understand that the issue is obviously no longer bothering that person. It is only bothering you. Therefore, just look at what you could have done differently and try to never make the same mistake again. Talk to Jesus about your regret. Tell Jesus that you are sorry and ask for peace on the issue. You will find that peace will come. Resolving issues is not for somebody who has died. Either they are sleeping or they are in heaven (depending on what you believe) and thus are not affected by the issue any further. Resolving issues is for you. Only here in this lower reality do we need to think about resolving our issues. For here, we do not know everything and, as we experience

things, we do things wrong. If we could see the whole picture with perfect reason, we would never make a mistake.

Resolving issues and letting the past go is a big step in removing the chains that bind us. We place those chains on ourselves. We shackle ourselves everyday with the preconceived notions taught to us by the society in which we have grown. Our own fears and unresolved issues combined with these preconceived notions can create a personal jail cell. When we let those things go is when we begin to set ourselves free. Everything is a mindset. It is how we look at things that determine if our situation is beautiful or heartbreaking. To learn through hardship is like sifting sand and obtaining gold. If we look at the bad things that happened to us as experiences and turn them into something good, our entire notion of the world changes. When we let go of our fears, worries, emptiness, preconceived notions, prejudices, and expectations is when we free our minds.

Life's fortune and misfortune are caused entirely by the mind. When someone can think about nothing more than gain, they will always feel empty. When someone indulges in greed, what they have will never be enough. Yet, with a simple change in thought and

mannerism, their lives can become fulfilled. Having a life fulfilled is not having everything you ever wanted, and it is not traveling through time without hardships or difficulties. It is through those things we learn and grow. To have a life fulfilled is to let go of the binding chains and to be able to experience life without fear. Don't hide behind your fears or preconceived notions. Instead, ask for guidance. The Great 'I Am' is also the best guide.

When there is no agitation within someone's mind, they can find peace anywhere. What we perceive is only a reflection of what we are inside. When someone's mind is gentle and transparent, nothing under the heavens is detestable or hidden. When their temperament is serene and light, nothing on the earth is hideous. What they perceive is a reflection of what they are. If all we see is unhappiness, we need to look within ourselves and find out why we are so unhappy. People who are pure at heart can tolerate those who are not for they can still find a sense of good within. Those who are charitable can make sound judgments for they are fair in their own dealings. These are supreme virtues.

Virtues are the foundation of all worthwhile achievements. What is a virtue? A virtue is a particular moral excellence, a desirable or commendable quality or an active beneficial power. For example, courage is a virtue. Virtues are morals and morals are power. A mind without morals is a sky without stars, empty. Those empty minds are nothing more than sheep following the herd without looking to see where they are going. A mind whose foundation is not solid cannot endure. It will fall short in the face of trouble because it has nothing to stand on. For example, look at a tree. The roots of a tree are like the roots of our minds. If those roots are good and solid, the tree can withstand a storm. If the roots are diseased, corrupt, rotten or nonexistent, the tree will fall for it will have nothing to keep it in place. In other words, if you base your decisions on good morals and virtues, you will be able to withstand turmoil or problems. If you base your decisions on money, fame, friends, et cetera, you will not be able to withstand serious problems because the roots (the mind) will be too weak. The mindset we use will determine where we go and what we can do. What a person sees in the world around them is a reflection of what they are inside. So, to know yourself is to realize what it is you

perceive. To change yourself is to change what you perceive. Action stems from the mind. And, as we know, the mind is the root of all we perceive. Therefore, anything and everything we do is an insight about who we are. When we know ourselves, we know others. When we see beauty in ourselves, we see beauty in others. When we see hate in ourselves, we see hate within others. How you judge the world is how you judge yourself.

If people could wipe away the meanness from within themselves, their face would show no ugliness. If they could empty desire from their heart, letting go of this world and its mindset, their words would be wise and full of higher meanings. If all decisions were based off supreme virtues, there would be no sadness and pain. What you see in others is a reflection of who you are.

Too often we judge others by status, monetary worth, profession and education. Status, monetary worth and professions are all relative to this lower reality only. You can't take any of these with you therefore they are worthless on a higher level. To assume you are wise because of the teachings you follow or the schools you have been educated in, or your financial status is to be nothing more than

ignorant. We are here to learn and understand, but what we learn is more important than how far we go while doing so. Learning does not have to be done at Harvard or the equivalent for it to be effective and enlightening. Learning stems from within. The person who can view a raindrop and catch the higher meanings of life is more enlightened than one who must study them from a textbook. To become enlightened and educated, you must clear your mind of prejudices, mindsets, preconceptions, cultural upbringing, worldly views, fears, and worries. Instead, fill yourself with understanding and the willingness to see things from all sides. Through each step of the way, you become closer to knowing yourself, others and the Great I Am. Eventually you will find that the more you know, the more you do not know. Each answered question brings a handful of unanswered questions as you begin to understand the complexity of life and the universe.

To perceive you know everything would mean you know nothing, and to perceive you know nothing is to know everything.

Illusion or Reality

Look at the world around you. Is what you see illusion or reality? Well, that depends on your mindset. The reality is we must pay our bills and live amongst each other in an effort to survive on this stage. Yet, knowing that this is only a stage also makes this an illusion. Although I must play by the rules of this world to survive, I am also concerned with what lies beyond our atmosphere.

If you could see both realities, what would you do? Would you think about the electric bill or something a bit more expansive? We of course must still attend to the lower reality for if the bills are unpaid our existence on this stage is threatened. However, many times we get so caught up in this stage that we forget that there is any other kind of existence. We think materially instead of spiritually. We try to ensure our success with fine things and comfortable living conditions, but what good will any of those things do for us once we leave this stage? We are caring for our material well being without looking at the

spiritual side of our lives. In doing so, we lose our ability to see the entire picture. When we lose that ability, we become narrow-minded and self-centered. We do things to satisfy our worldly wants and desires instead of looking at what our spirit needs. We begin to believe that the stage is all that there is to reality and that everything else is an illusion.

Everything acquired on this stage is merely an illusion that makes our position more comfortable. Nothing that you accumulate or achieve in the way of material comforts will count as accomplishments when the final curtain falls. The universe cares nothing about the financial accomplishments of mortal beings. When we leave this place, we can create whatever it is we desire with a mere thought. Our futile efforts to stock pile goods and to live in the most comfortable conditions is merely a waste of time. A more pertinent question is what did we learn? What did we achieve mentally, physically, and spiritually as we progressed through the trials of life?

For those of you who have trouble seeing this stage as an illusion, I have an example for you. Have you ever watched an infant playing in her crib? She can see that there is a world outside of her

crib but she is not sure how it pertains to her. What matters more is the toy that is hanging from above her head. If you move her crib close to a window, she may look outside and see a piece of the world but she will have no idea of the connection. Instead she will inevitably return her attention to her toy to which she more easily can relate. She has no clue that what happens out there will affect her on some level.

We can see into the night sky just as a child can see the world outside of her window. Yet, just like that infant, we do not understand how the universe pertains to us. When the infant looks into the world, she does not know that someone out there is making the diapers she wears or the food she eats. She does not conceive that there are factories, buildings, people, cars, cities, governments, continents, or whatever. She does not understand the entire picture. When we look into the night sky, we see stars. However, for the most part, we do not understand what we see. Our minds are too simple to grasp the entire picture. So the big picture has to be broken down in to smaller concepts that we can conceive. Through growing and learning, we will mature and over time, we will be able to take on more information until the picture begins to take form within our minds. It is a slow

process, just as it takes awhile for an infant to grow and learn enough to understand the world in which she lives. We are nothing more than small beings in our cosmic crib.

Some of us have had the gift of venturing off this planet and viewing it from the other side. Leaving this planet and viewing it from space is, in itself, a miracle. Those astronauts are just beginning to crawl. They have seen nothing more than the tip of the iceberg. Almost as if we were to take the infant from her crib and allow her to play outside on the grass, giving her a small taste of the world. Yet, to see the vast possibilities of what is outside of our crib, all we need to do is take a closer look at what the infant is seeing from her window. She is looking at a piece of the town or city in which she lives, which is located in a state, which is located in a country, which is located on a continent, which is located on a planet, which is located in a galaxy. Can you see the higher reality that I speak of when you look at your world through a broader spectrum?

We are nothing more than little children within a universe of possibilities, playing from the protection of our crib. We continually confuse reality with illusion and illusion with reality. We view life as

if it is all reality and think that the beyond is only an illusion. We have forgotten where we have come from, where we are going, and why we are here. We look at the things we have learned in how they pertain to us in this little world but we cannot seem to grasp how they also show us a small piece of the entire universe.

Everything is shown to us in metaphor. For example, if we were to look at the transformation of a caterpillar to a butterfly, we would understand life change, baptism and death. It is a physical metaphor. Everything around us shows us a small piece of something bigger. When we learn to grasp the smaller scale notions is when we begin to see pieces of the infinite possibilities. Our ideas and preconceptions of what the world is like stem from what we are exposed to, including our programing. That is the basis of the illusion. The illusion is what you see before you. The reality is what is actually unseen. This, I call, the Cosmic Illusion.

The truth is that we are self-centered. We are infant beings who do not have the full capacity to understand the higher reality that lies before us because we are too preoccupied with what lies around us. We all see things through our own eyes. Every one of us is an

individual with our own preconceptions, ideas, and viewpoints. These preconceptions stem from our upbringing and learned viewpoints combined with our inner outlook. They stem from our programming.

Part of who we are is cultural. Children who are brought up in native villages have a much different idea of the universe than those brought up in 'civilized' areas, what each deems as reality differs greatly. Through their upbringing, certain ideas and viewpoints are taught and enforced to give each child a foundation to build their own ideas from. Remember the computer program? We all start out in life with DOS, where we live on this planet determines which programs will be implanted into our mind. These programs play a very important role for it paves the way for additional thoughts and notions. However, it is only the starting point. As we grow and mature, we learn that our journey involves searching out the answers and we begin to take on a larger viewpoint of the world as we update and edit the hard drive.

The human mind is an absolute miracle. Its main objective is to record everything. It is a computer, absorbing and storing all information for later use. Some things consciously remembered, and

everything else subconsciously remembered. Yet, everything, whether good or bad, is integrated into the mind regardless. Later, the individual will have to sort through all the information gained to begin understanding his viewpoints and ideas. This process includes sifting through the mound of information handed to us to decide what we do not need and keeping what is substantial and real. The information given to us in the beginning is only the foundation. It is what we use to begin our own formulation of thoughts. People need a colorful plate of ideas to begin formulating their own notions. Bits and pieces of everything you give them will be utilized and the rest will be stored for later reference.

When you look among the people in your own town, you can see vast differences. Family background, daily schedules, location of schools, religion, living conditions and such are all instances in which a plate of knowledge is given to a child. Children all over the city will be handed different plates due to the culture and circumstances of their families. This is the reason why there are such vast differences among people, even when they are as close as next door. Yet, many things are also the same. Since we watch the same television networks,

obtain the same structural information within our schools and deal with the same collection of general ideas, overall our thoughts will be similar. This holds true for all humanity. Overall, our basic mental concepts will closely resemble the thoughts of most everyone who lives on this planet. It is the progressed mental concepts that will differ so greatly.

Much of what we see is only an illusion, just the stage. The stage is founded from our preconceived notions of the world and we use learned concepts to judge everything that we encounter. Unfortunately, learned concepts leave no room for an open mind. Take what we have learned about our universe for example. During the renaissance, people were beginning to understand that the stars they saw were not just speckles of light in a midnight sky. Galileo is called the father of modern science because he was the first to combine empirical knowledge (knowledge obtain through experiments or observation) with mathematics (the study of numbers, their form, arrangement and associated relationships using defined numerical symbols). He combined the two because he was in the process of

studying the universe via a primitive telescope and was trying to formulate a basis of understanding for his ideas.

The people of his era could not even begin to comprehend what Galileo knew. They did not have the same progressed mental notions that he was working with. In our century we can relate to some of what Galileo knew because of the fact we have all progressed to that understanding. We know that stars are not just little specks of light in the darkened sky. We know they are burning balls of gas that are millions of light years away. Most of us have had the privilege of seeing stars through a telescope, an observatory or even just in a book. Yet, we have only bridged upon the full complexity of what is out there. We tend to believe that what we see is all that there is. We are still acting like the people of the renaissance. Even with how far we have progressed, our minds are still closed. The reason that Galileo was able to comprehend at such a deep level was that his mind was open to the possibilities. When you open your mind, you remove the obstacles that prevented you from seeing the whole picture.

The obstacles are within the walls of your own mind. They are your own preconceived notions and understandings. To remove them

you must look for the answers yourself. You can not follow me or others. You need to learn how to rationalize. Think about it for a moment. What do you think the answers are? Do you know how many galaxies are in the universe? No, of course you do not. That is a trick question. There is not a finite answer because we are unable to see the entire universe. You can study the universe from a book, you can study it from a school, you can observe it from a telescope, but ultimately you will need to learn how to rationalize it on your own because you will not find all of your answers. There comes a point when you have studied something so much, that you will no longer find the answers that you seek. At that point it is a requirement to make educated guesses. You have to rationalize or you can no longer proceed.

What does it mean to be wise? It means to remove all limitations, to see all the possibilities and to rationalize the best course of action. To bend an object with your mind is impossible only if you believe that it is impossible. The bible states that if you have the faith the size of a mustard seed, you can move a mountain. Miracles and works of greatness are only because you believe. Once you remove

the illusion that what you see around you is reality, you begin to realize that many constants in our lives are actually variables. A mountain, air, a table, and a spoon have one thing in common. If you have faith of just the size of a mustard seed, you can move them with your mind. The illusion is that they are constants. The reality is that they are variables. The problem is that we do not have faith. We have a degenerate form of faith but not the real deal. When Jesus' disciples went forward healing the sick and performing miracles, it was because of their faith that they were able to do this. It is all a mindset. The hard part is removing the programs from your mind that have been telling you that you cannot. Once you do, you will see anything is possible.

In Kung Fu, a 'master' can extinguish a flame from across the room with a mere motion. The 'master' has overcome the illusion that air is a constant. Therefore, the 'master' can control air somewhat to achieve something miraculous. In all the miracles written within the bible, the same holds true. Having faith overcomes what we call constants. You hear about miracles every day. People who are able to drive on gas fumes to get to a destination due to prayer, a child whose

life is saved due to prayer, a moment when time seems to stand still and some terrible accident is avoided due to an unseen force. How do these things happen? If life is full of constants, then these miracles cannot happen. They are impossible.

Unfortunately I used to be in the occult. I have seen many things in life that are not 'normal'. They are called paranormal. Bread has flown off my counter by some unseen force. Candles around a ouija board have all pointed in towards the board. Ghostly figures have once been in my life. Radios and televisions have turned themselves on and off at will. The same holds true on the other side of this coin. On the occult side, these strange occurrences can also happen. If it holds true in both, then the problem lies with our faulty thinking. There is no way that both paranormal activities and faith based miracles can happen unless we are not seeing the truth of what reality really is. Did all of these people just make it up? They cannot agree on anything else except that odd occurrences can happen. Therefore, we have to rationalize and adjust our thinking to encompass these theories. If two large multitudes of people, with vast differences in background, education, professions, and locations are all seeing the

same thing, then we can deduct that there is truth to the theory. The constants of your reality can be changed by faith and belief. Normally you are not going to move a mountain. Yet, the bible states that you could if you wanted to, if only you had pure faith the size of a mustard seed. What this states to me is that our thinking is cloudy. We are inundated by the worldly philosophies to the point that we have lost our ability to see the whole picture. We take everything for granted.

It is like glass. Glass is neither a liquid nor a solid. It lacks a first order phase transition. This sets glass apart from typical solids, because it resembles a liquid. For practical purposes, such as holding a drinking glass, glass is like a solid. However, glass is actually an amorphous solid—a state somewhere between a liquid and a solid. We expect glass to be a solid. We do not understand a state somewhere in between two known states. In our world it is either a variable or a constant. A glass table is the oddest thing. If glass is in a state in between a liquid and a solid, how can you place a computer monitor on a glass table? By all logic, that is impossible.

Another metaphor that may help you to understand our version of reality compared to the universal version is color. There is no such

thing as color. Roses are not red and blue jeans are not blue. Technically, the color does not exist. And yet most of us see in color. What you are seeing is light. Blue jeans look blue because the composition of the material absorbs all light except for the color blue. Therefore, the jeans look blue. Roses are red only because the chemical composition of roses absorbs all light except for the color red. In other words, color is an illusion. The color is not in the object itself, but in the light that strikes the object and ultimately reaches our eye. The only role that the object plays is that it might contain atoms capable of selectively absorbing one or more frequencies of the visible light that shine upon it. So if an object absorbs all of the frequencies of visible light except for the frequency associated with blue light, then the object will appear blue.

Glass being a solid is an illusion. A red apple is an illusion. What I have just told you about color and glass are scientifically proven. If you look this up for yourself, you will find that I am indeed correct, which proves that our preconceived notions of the world are limitations that hinder us from seeing what is illusion and what is

reality. Therefore, what we have been deeming as reality is a mere illusion.

The key is you. You are the beholder of your future. You open your mind to the possibilities by rationalizing what is truth and what is misleading. Whatever your mindsets and preconceived notions of the world are will affect what you deem as reality. When you look past all of that and begin to bridge upon the extensiveness of this universe, you will find that you have only seen a raindrop in an ocean of information. Just like the infant looking out at the world from her crib, you will begin to see that the universe is vast and miraculous. God's universe is not limited by what humans call reality. Only your world is. God's universe is precise, calculated and also changeable. By faith you have the power to access the bigger reality and cause changes to happen down here on this little planet. Through pure faith in our Lord Jesus you can perform miracles. Through pure faith, you can begin to access a higher information structure on how this world works. Through pure faith you can affect your surroundings on a molecular level.

The illusion is that reality is paying the bills, buying houses and fancy cars, buying clothing or things, and having a secure, wonderful life. The reality is that none of it mattered in the first place. All that mattered was your walk with the Lord Jesus and your faith in Him.

A Circle of Completion

The next few pages will deal with the number one hindrance that people must contend with, the innermost needs and desires of our soul. We all feel a need to be united with someone who will share our common goals and passions. We feel a need to find someone we can share our lives with. We feel a need to find someone to care for us, about us, compliment us, and understand us. Such a simple notion really, so why is it so hard to achieve?

Since this is a stage, why do we need to find a partner who can share our passions and dreams? Why do we feel we need love? The reason is simple. Love is a powerful force that guides and moves people. When love happens, people can actually feel the universe move through them. Each person compliments their partner and becomes a channel for the energy that surrounds us all. Together, they travel within themselves and begin to understand the hidden essence of life. In love, we want to be overcome by the feeling, to soar to a

higher awareness and to obtain fulfillment. We strive to ascend past our pettiness and obtain something limitless. We strive to build a spiritual union, and yet, something as simplistic as just being in love. To love is to remember the source, to return to our true selves. To love is to free our minds and souls and to allow ourselves to feel the perfection of what we once knew. The concept is empowering, to love and be loved just as we are to the extent of oneness. To love is to share so completely that we forget barriers and enter into a realm of togetherness. Why, in a world full of people, is this so difficult to obtain? The will to achieve a deep meaningful relationship seems to drive us all, what could possibly be hindering us so drastically that we cannot find it? The answer is mindset.

To love, honor and cherish. People say the words, but how many actually understand what they are saying? How can you love, honor and cherish if you cannot trust? How can you trust someone if you do not know him or her? How can you know your partner if you do not know yourself? Therefore, how can you vow to be with someone forever when you are not even sure of whom you are with? The divorce rate within the United States is at about sixty percent.

Why is this rate so high? Maybe we should look at what a relationship entails before we try to decipher why divorce is rapidly climbing. A relationship means to devote yourself unreservedly to your partner. How can someone commit without even knowing to what they are committing?

The two important reasons for the climbing divorce rate are that people do not understand the differences between impure and pure love and people do not know what they are truly looking for in a mate. They enter a relationship without knowing what they are dealing with and expect that everything will work out even though they have not begun to understand their partner. They do not yet understand who they are and thus do not know what they need and want. With this in mind, it is easy to understand why relationships fail. People enter a relationship with the best intentions but the relationship falls apart along the way because a solid foundation was never created.

To give love, you must be able to receive it. To receive love, you must be able to accept it. To accept love you must be able to accept yourself. The keys to the universe are within. The key to a successful relationship is you. When you understand yourself, you can

understand others. When you can love, honor and cherish yourself, you can do so for another. To do this you must learn that you are valuable. You are a wonderful, beautiful, unique creation who is loved by our Creator. He loves you so much that He died for you. You are so valuable that the Creator of the entire Universe sacrificed for you. With that in mind, you must understand that He wants only the best for you and knows how wonderful you really are.

As we age and pass through time, we begin to understand more about ourselves which influences what we become and what we do. Before we can begin a relationship of learning the deeper levels of our partner and commit to sharing our life with them, we must first do so for ourselves. We must locate what it is we wish to be and what type of person we wish to commit to. Now, do you understand why relationships fall apart? People are trying to connect with a partner without knowing what it is they need. They search for the ultimate relationship without even knowing what that means to them. Thus, they fail.

What I find most common, is that people are afraid to look within. They fear what they may find and thus take on an unsatisfying

relationship as to not be alone. What they do not realize is that when an impure relationship is entered, it will eventually lead to a breakup. It is sad to realize that what plagues humans the worst is fear and loneliness. Pure love can only be achieved when we know who we are and what it is we are looking for. Impure love is what occurs when people enter into a relationship without finding out what they need and want first. They cannot give everything and expect nothing because they are emotionally dependent. People are waiting for love to come in and make them feel fulfilled and wanted. Yet, how can you give to someone else when you are waiting to receive. You cannot give everything and expect nothing unless you are comfortable with yourself and have overcome your own insecurities. If you accept yourself and feel fulfilled, you can give love to another. You will avoid waiting for someone to come in and fill the inner void of your soul. That inner void can only be filled by the Lord Jesus Christ. When you have Jesus in your heart, you do not have a void. You do not have a need to fill yourself with anything to be complete because you trust that Jesus already has a plan for you in motion because He loves you.

So tell me, what is love? The first thing we must realize is that there is a definite difference between love, lust and attraction. To understand the differences we will explain all three in simplistic terms. Lust is the physical attraction without mental attraction, seeing someone's appearance and wanting to have romantic involvement. Attraction is a physical and mental connection without a mutual long-term agreement, the curiosity caused by the drawing of two magnetic personalities towards each other. Love is when those two personalities begin to bond as they learn to understand and complement each other while mentally connecting on a higher level. When this occurs, the relationship moves into a commitment between the people involved as they dedicate more of who they are to each other and begin to make a spiritual union. A spiritual union is no longer just a relationship. It transforms love into an unbreakable connection that is ungoverned by mortal views or regulations. This bond is the only one that is limitless and pure. When done properly, a spiritual union is the most intense bonding experience in this universe. We are drawn to it by instinct. This bonding is what begins to teach us the true essence of our Creator

and allows us to experience a piece of the higher reality we came from. It is the full embodiment of Christ. It is pure, true love.

To help you fully grasp the notion of spiritual bonding, I will use an analogy. If you were to take a household extension cord and cut it in half, you would have two pieces. These two separate pieces represent two separate beings. Lust is the want to put those two pieces together. Attraction is realizing that maybe those two pieces have more in common besides being two pieces. Love is stripping away the casing and connecting the wires. A spiritual union occurs when you plug it in and let the energy flow through the entire cord establishing a full circuit.

Love has confused people for centuries. Ask someone how people fall in love and they will look at you perplexed. People fall in love when a connection is established. The entire universe runs on energy. When two people fall in love, they have found a connection in that energy; they are connecting the cord and preparing to establish a full circuit. For love to be pure, the two entities must connect physically, mentally and spiritually on some level. The reality is that there is no such thing as a little cupid taking aim and firing at random

(although we would like to believe that). The purity of love is linked to the severity of the connection. In other words, the more you connect with someone, the stronger your love will be with that person. For a relationship based off pure love to be established there has to be a full connection.

So, what is the difference between pure and impure love? Impure love is any relationship that uses lust or simple attraction as a foundation for a relationship. It is laden with ulterior motives and preconceptions. Love is like electricity. It must travel a circuit to be pure. Impure love is what happens when one person gives without expectation, and the other takes that love without returning it. One-sided relationships are an example of this. When one person loves another but his or her partner does not return that love, the relationship does not complete itself and thus it is not pure. When the person that you have given your heart to is sincere and ready, love becomes a circle that fulfills and compliments itself. Both people are giving without expecting to receive, yet both people receive because they give. This sounds like a paradox but in actuality, it is nothing more than a continuum. This I call a circle of completion.

One of the reasons that love is so hard to obtain is that we have all been programmed from birth to receive something in return for giving. Pure love seems like a paradox of that, for it asks you to give everything and expect nothing. However the facts are, to find the purest form of love, this is a requirement. If you are beginning a relationship, you must first look at the level of commitment and the purity of love involved before understanding what it is you are dealing with. If you have any other reason for staying in a relationship besides the plain and simple fact that you love the other person, you are in the wrong. In a pure love relationship, there is no other reason for you to stay. If the money is gone tomorrow, you will still be as happy as if you have all the gold in china. For, you will know that there is always a way to conquer the obstacles as long as you work together. If your mate suddenly gets very ill, you will know that your love and commitment will be as strong as if you are with the healthiest mate possible. You will stand right there beside your partner and face the trials and tribulations as you help your partner conquer what is to come. It is the spirit you love, not their body or health. If your mate becomes over-weight or loses function of a body part, you will know

that the body is only a vehicle and it will not bar what you feel for the spirit. These are examples of pure love.

If you can place yourself in extreme circumstances and know without any doubt that you are still willing to be there for the long haul, then you are on the right path. If you cannot, then it is time for you to first go within and find out what you are looking for, and then find a mate who can stir these feelings of commitment within you. If you have any reason for being in a relationship other than love, you are looking at the lower reality. Thus, pure love will elude you.

Whether the love you share with another is pure or impure has no bearing on the fact that it exists. Both types are very real, and both can be very intense. What you need to concern yourself with is how deep the shared connection runs. Pure love is body, mind and soul. To understand the intensity of the connection we must look at actions. Does the person you are involved with come through on their promises to you? People can say heartfelt words, but are they followed through? Pure love always follows through. Impure love does not. Do not confuse what I am saying. Impure love is very strong and can lead many to believe they have found the real thing. However, what

our heart feels is followed through by our actions. Once we realize this fact, we will understand that pure love is not just felt but shown.

Every once in a while circumstances will be the cause of an unfulfilled promise. You are not looking for isolated occurrences. Pure love has a pattern of fulfilled promises. The actions will correspond with the words. Impure love has a pattern of unfulfilled promises and broken commitments. To understand which one you are involved with, you must learn to see the difference. Since actions are a direct reflection of who we are and what we feel inside, they are the best way to understand the depth of the connection felt. When you fall in love with the right person, you will have everything you need before you. Other people may come and go around you, but they will not interest you. Your mind will be on the one you are in love with. When you see something you like, inside you will wonder if your partner would like it too. Your mind will no longer be yours alone, but a conjunction between you and your mate. The two of you will be interconnected.

You see, when pure love is reached, it transcends us and moves us in ways that are only explainable by a higher understanding. The

cup is no longer half empty, but half full. The stars take on a deeper hue and the complexities of life are laid at our feet. All others fall out of the eyes of the two people involved and the connection shared between them intensifies. When people can not commit to one person, it is not that they mean to be unfaithful or hurtful. For most, it is that they see what they need in many people. In other words, they see bits and pieces scattered among many individuals. Thus they either have not found what they are looking for in one individual or they are still trying to decipher what they are looking for in the first place. These people are not ready for love; they are not ready for commitment. People can love more than one person. However, that love will lack the intensity that a partnership between two people brings. Thus, what is felt will not be as strong as it is with a bonding. Pure love must create a circle. It will be as if you are placing two halves together to make a whole. When you find pure love is when you create one unit with two individuals.

When pure love begins to develop into the spiritual bonding, it requires everything that a mortal being can give. If a connection has been made with someone who has other relationships in his or her life,

that person has not found what they need. Therefore, they cannot give all that they have to one person. They are incapable of creating the completed circle that is needed to obtain a bonding. They need to discover what is drawing them to other people and then locate a person who has everything they need all inclusive... everything they need in one person.

Real love cannot be mistaken; each individual finds everything they need in the other. It allows no room for other people and satisfies each individual to the fullest. There will still be disagreements, for only your clone will think and act exactly as you do. Do not misconstrue what I am saying and think that pure love is a relationship made in heaven with never a down moment. However, when difficulties arise, there will always be room for compromise and growth. Love is not pretending to be what you think your partner needs. Pure love is becoming who you believe you are and letting your partner become who he or she needs to be. It is to love without restraint or circumstance. If you are in a pure love relationship, you will not need to set barriers or restrictions. Your partner will already be avoiding anything that might possibly hurt you. He or she will be

showing you that they are ready to commit. Your partner will be what you are looking for without even trying and you will be what your partner needs without having to pretend. That is pure love.

The next point we will speak of is the basis on which a pure relationship must be constructed. How can you find someone to complete you, if you do not know what completes you? How do you know where to begin looking if you do not know where you are at? How can you know who others are if you do not know yourself? To understand yourself, you must go within and decipher what you feel, want and need. No one can tell you these things. When you know who you are and what you want to become, you will make the changes and become who you were meant to be. It is at that point that you can truly love another. Once you accept and acknowledge who you are, you can accept and acknowledge who your mate is. You cannot fully love someone else and give the level of commitment that pure love requires unless you are able to love yourself. This does not mean you must be vain. It means you must recognize your faults and shortcomings and try to rise above them every day. It also means you

must be able to see your strong points and your own self worth and not cling to another to feel you are worthy.

A wise man gave me a poem shortly after I centered down on my transformation. I will share that with you now:

You are Worthy

Do not undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others. It is because we are different that each of us is special.

Do not set your goals by what other people deem important. Only you know what is best for you.

Do not take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as you would your life, for without them, life is meaningless.

Do not let your life slip through your fingers by living in the past nor for the future. By living your life one day at a time, you live all the days of your life.

Do not give up when you still have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying. It is a fragile thread that binds us to each other.

Do not be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

Do not shut love out of your life by saying it is impossible to find. The quickest way to receive love is to give love; the fastest way to lose love is too hold it too tightly; In addition, the best way to keep love is to give it wings.

Do not dismiss your dreams. To be without dreams is to be without hope; to be without hope is to be without purpose.

Do not run through life so fast that you forget not only where you have been, but also where you are going. Life is not a race, but a journey to be savored each step of the way.

When you look in the mirror, what do you see? I am not talking about the petty imperfections such as my hair is too short or my lips are too small. I am talking about inner imperfections. Do you like what you see within? Are you the person you feel you should be? Do you like how you think? Do you like what you do in different circumstances? What are your strong points? What are you weak points? Be honest with yourself. This inner reflection is something

that no one else should be a part of. Only you will know the answers and thus no one else will be able to help you.

Once you have taken a good look at your inner traits, begin to change your weak points into something you would like. You are a masterpiece. You are the artist and the work. Do as you wish. Portray yourself any way you like. As you change the inner self, the outer self will follow. What we are like inside, is shown on the outside. If you feel positive about yourself on the inside, people will be able to see it outside and vice versa. If you are negative on the inside, it seeps out into your personality. If you care about yourself and our Lord Jesus, your soul will be filled with positive energy. This will shine through into everything you do and will show others your self-confidence and self worth.

The Man In The Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle for self

And the world makes you king for a day,

Just go to a mirror and look at yourself

And see what the man has to say.

For it is not your father or mother or wife

Whose judgment upon you must pass

The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life

Is the one staring back from the glass.

Some people might think you are a straight shooting chum

And call you a wonderful guy.

But the man in the glass says you‘re only a bum

If you cannot look him straight in the eye

He is the fellow to please never mind all the rest

For he is with you clear to the end

And you‘ve passed your most dangerous test

if the guy in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years
And get pats on the back as you pass
But your final reward will be heartache and tears
if you have cheated the man in the glass.

Now that you know what you must do to understand who you are, you are ready to begin understanding those around you, including your partner. When you can understand yourself and look within without fearing what you might find, you can look into the soul of your partner. Now, your only obstacle is locating a partner that you can connect with and eventually bond. You have learned to rely on and trust in yourself and the Lord Jesus Christ, and now you can rely on and trust in a partner. You have learned what you need and thus can communicate those needs to another person. You have learned to respect yourself and now can respect a partner. You now know what the ultimate relationship means to you and thus have laid the first layer of the foundation you will use to find pure love.

It is far better to learn that what you thought was love, was actually an illusion than to go through life believing that an impure

love is all there is. To believe that the imperfection you feel as a result of an impure relationship is all that there is, is to limit love and call love impure rather than the relationship that has made it so. If you are in a relationship that does not complement and enhance you, it is far better to realize these facts and understand that it is not the real deal. Suffering through life believing that what you have seen is all that there is would be an injustice. When you are in a relationship that satisfies your very essence, you need not look any farther. Your partner will enhance how you feel, open new layers of your own inner self for you to explore and will extinguish your fears by showing their intentions through their actions and through their words. When you understand the words you have just read, you are ready for your true mate.

God's Recipe for the Perfect relationship

All the way through the Bible you will find that every story and every parable points to love. Whether it be true love or untrue love the stories all point to love. Faith is an extension of love. If you have love you have trust, if you have trust you have faith. So it all boils back down to love: [16]"For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son." John 3:16. The Lord is showing you why He did this. It was all for Love. He loved so much that he sacrificed His own Son just to show you love. We take this all for granted. What you do not realize is that the whole show, the whole Bible, the whole conflict was about love.

[37] Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' [38] This is the first and greatest commandment. [39] And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:37-39

Commandment number one to love God equals the Ten Commandments one through four. Commandment number two to love

each other equals Ten Commandments five through ten. Basically it is this, all of the Commandments of God and all of the bible hinge on one thing, LOVE. The Ten Commandments are not a list of Thou Shalt Not's. It is a love letter. If you love me, you will not cheat on me. If you love me, you will not lie to me. If you love me, you will care about others. If you love me, *keep my Commandments*.

The ultimate story of the universe is a love story. The bible is a history of the past and guide to the future of this incredible story. Everything around you shows you the answer. The answer to everything is Love.

God's formula for the perfect relationship is:

Put Jesus first. The man looks to God for guidance, advice and counsel. Then he leads by example. Not only does he lead his children but also his wife. He does not order her around, use hostility, force or control. He gently leads her because he loves her. He does not judge her by weight. He does not put her down, treat her like a slave or yell at her. Just like Jesus did not do that for the church or his

people. If you understand bible parables you know that the woman of Revelations is the church, she is Jesus' bride. It is his people.

The wife LOVES her husband so much that she follows him. She tries to get to know him and understand him. Because he is so gentle with her, she listens. Because he does what is right and sets an example, she admires and respects him. Just as the Lord's people should do with their Lord. If Jesus is the groom and his people are the bride, all parables of that union are represented in the context of marriage.

This is why marriage is supposed to be a sanctified situation. It represents the union of Christ and his people. It goes even deeper than that. Through that union, there is sex. Sex is a deeper union. It takes two people and completes a circuit. The result is life. A baby is born when two people unite together to become one unit and by that love a new life begins. A woman draws life from man and gives it back again; this is a piece of the wedding song by Peter, Paul and Mary. It clearly shows what sex is supposed to be.

When you love someone so much that you have to get as close as humanly possible is when the two unite in a sexual encounter. At that point the two people have just become one. Biblically that is marriage. It is a representation of Jesus and his people, the Groom and His bride. In other words you should only have sex with someone in this circumstance and you should understand that you have just married. Body, mind and soul are key elements. To unite in a sexual way is the utmost union in the world. You meld minds and then you meld bodies. That union is sacred. People today do not use sex as the sacred union that it is. They just have sex because it feels good. But it was actually a way for two people to melt into each other. Look at the way you have sex. The male enters the female. The two are physically one being. Did you think that this representation happened by chance? Did our sexual parts evolve? Or did our Lord Jesus create those parts to represent something. He gave us the ability to do more than hold hands or lock lips. He gave us the ability to merge two bodies into one being. Further, the male enters the female. It is not the other way around. He is leading her. The only way a male can properly lead a female is to gently lead her by example. If he does this

and she loves him, she will follow and accept him. The union shows us how this should be done. It is not by force. It is not by control; that is called rape. The union should be done out of pure love. He enters her, she allows him and they become one being.

If the two have a pure love, sex is a bonding. It is when you take two separate beings, unite them into one, plug them into the source and let the energy flow through them to establish a full circuit. In this type of relationship, sex is not just having orgasm. The kiss is a good example. The kiss should initiate such emotional feelings that you feel like you are melting into each other. There will be passion, because what the mind feels corresponds with what the body feels. When you touch, it will not be based off just having sex. It will be based off what you feel and thus it will be extremely sensual. When you touch the other person, you will feel the need, the passion, the uncontrollable urge to unite into one being.

In this context sex is not dirty or restrained, it is a beautiful union. That is when sex is something so beautiful that it shows pure love. You do not need to worry about being sensual. In a pure relationship it comes naturally. I have met people who are afraid to

have sex; they are afraid of intimacy or even of using different positions because they think that sex is just to procreate. If sex is just sex, than obviously you are not in a pure relationship. If sex is just to procreate, than again you are obviously not in a pure relationship. Honestly, sex is a union. The purer the relationship, the more intense and sensual the intimacy of sex will be. You do not need to pervert this union. In a pure relationship, the union is an extension of love, it is not perverted, it is not controlling, it is not violent. It is extremely sensual and extremely moving. It is open, it is versatile, it is sensual, it is passionate. Love is not restricted, love is not controlling and love is not sex. Sex is an extension of love. Thus, in our world, sex is the extension of love that carries a universal energy that allows us to reconnect with all of creation. It is to unite two separate people into a spiritual bond, creating one being from the two in sacred unity.

If you only learn one lesson in this lifetime, learn that true love is everything. Nothing else matters.

Written to you with love,

Lorilee

[12] For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. [13] And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:12-13

Wish

Once upon the purest wish there was a falling star
An illusion set within the mind, a wish that seemed so far
A day, a week, a year has passed since that starry night
With all the chaos in the midst how do I make things right
A love so pure and understood, and yet I stand alone
Fear and doubt and problems near can cut right to the bone
Yet, as the stars come out at night and I feel a gentle breeze
I know my wish is heaven sent and it puts my mind at ease
So, as I stand in shadows still and face the bitter cold
I know the time shall come again when life rebirths from old
I follow the stars in a newborn night as they ascend into the sky

My spirit leaves and follows them into a place on high

I close my eyes and connect with life, a circle of sand and sea

Life fulfilled and understood, to accept and only be

The time will come when this journey I am on, I will finally understand

For now I trust with a child‘s eyes as I take a higher hand

A love this pure I shall find if I trust a higher guide

And although I cannot understand I shall not run and hide

So, as I release my petty fears and let them float away

I begin a new journey, the path of a dawning day

Technetium

Passage to Tranquility

What is tranquility? This question primarily asks, what is the essential nature of our minds? This complex notion can only be answered in a flash of intrinsic intuition in which the mind is seen to be a substratum of existence. From there, a person realizes that all he or she needs to do is remove the illusion of non-enlightenment to become enlightened. However, this illusion is more complex than most realize.

A sense of tranquility occurs when we begin to understand that all beings on this planet are mere actors upon the stage we call life. That the reality we see is the lower reality. The stage exists, the actor exists, but each is only one aspect of reality. There is more to reality than the stage or the actor. So it is with life. There is the lower reality, the world that we see, and a higher reality, the world beyond our five senses. To reach tranquility, or state of complete peace or oneness, we must learn to recognize both realities as two parts of a whole.

The state of tranquility occurs outside of the sphere of the five senses. When you try to explain or examine this state through the limited sphere of the five senses is when it becomes illogical and confusing. If you limit or restrict this sense of peace, it confines the state to human explanation. When you realize the fundamentals of your mind is when this state becomes super-logical. Basically you let go of pre-conceived notions and human ideologies and just be or just accept.

Many people believe that you must find tranquility through religion. Although religion is a wonderful way to help you achieve this state, there are some difficulties that may hinder your journey. Many religions are quick to believe that they have all the answers. They tend to be closed minded and judgmental. Many people do not even follow their own religious doctrine. Further, children tend to blindly follow the religion of their parents, without even understanding what that religion entails. They do so because their parents did. This creates a sheeple effect, where no one has any idea what is going on, they are just following blindly.

Before you take a stand as to what you believe, be sure you know what you are saying and agreeing to. A creed is a system of Christian or other religious belief; a faith. So basically it is a set of beliefs that guide your actions. To take the Lord's name in vain is to claim that you are a Christian and then not act like one, it is being hypocritical. So if you are going to claim that you are of a faith or creed, be sure to actually act like what you claim to be. Know what it is that you believe and then follow through with your actions. A belief is the reflection of the soul. Search out what it is that you believe, don't just follow blindly. Once you understand what you believe, be steadfast and use your faith. If you use religion to find tranquility, be what you claim to be and then let the universe flow through you

Philosophy is another approach to the state of tranquility. Philosophy is the use of reason to seek truth and knowledge. Although philosophy is also a very good path for obtaining a state of tranquility, it too has its downfalls. Many philosophers get so caught up in locating the higher meanings that they miss the obvious. In their attempt to ascertain they dismiss simple explanations as unenlightened as they look for a more complex notion. They stumble over the

obvious in their attempt to make the answer more complex than what it is. If you use philosophy to help you to reach this state, reason what you can, and for what is inexplicable, don't try to rationalize it. Lest you lose your tranquility gained.

The ultimate in tranquility is when you can use both approaches. Reason what you can rationalize and then let go and use faith on things that have no explanation. Part of tranquility is inexplicable, as it occurs outside of the five senses. You can try to rationalize the inexplicable all you want, but you will not come up with a reasonable answer. There is no answer because it is not worldly or human.

Further, we all experience things but no two lives are the same. Each life is a diamond in the rough with many facets. What works for one person may not work for another. If you follow others blindly, you only cheat yourself. To search out what you think, know, believe and feel is the only way to really tell your story and to accomplish this state of peace.

For me, I follow no religion. I follow basic biblical principal and then I try to rationalize what I understand from the Bible. I pray

about it and then I have the faith to know that Jesus will lead me to where He wants me to go. I personally have read the entire Bible and learned many things I did not know, one of which centers on tattoos. As I learned more, I changed my path to reflect what I had learned. I personally wanted to be a tattoo artist. I went so far as to buy all the equipment. When I read Leviticus 19:28, I changed my mind. Each time you learn more, you change a little; I call this refining yourself.

I am also a philosopher. I study everything in-depth. I need to know the why, the how and what of all my questions. I love how philosophers dig into things to understand all of the possibilities. Abstract knowledge, speculative view and formation of a thesis leads to a philosophy. A philosopher does not rely on faith but on understanding. Thus, when both faith and philosophy are used in conjunction, a new plateau is opened. Instead of just having faith that everything will work out, or instead of trying to understand how it will work, a person who uses both approaches is able to comprehend the world they see and use faith for that which they cannot comprehend.

This state of tranquility is so much more than people realize. A complete state of tranquility is achieved when you search out the

answers for yourself while trusting in a higher guide. This state of tranquility is to understand yourself and thereby understand those around you. It is being content with what you have, while bettering yourself to go farther. It is to Nosce Te Ipsum, or know thyself.

Greed, lust, coveting, and jealousy are the roots of sin and sadness. When you let all of that go and just accept who you are and what life is, is when you free yourself. It does not matter if you keep up with the neighbors, it does not matter if you keep up with your friends, all that matters is that you keep up with yourself.

To practice this state of being, we must each realize we know nothing and because of that we know everything. To become enlightened or educated, you must clear your mind of prejudices, mindsets, preconceptions, cultural upbringing, worldly views, fears, worries and voids. Instead fill yourself with understanding and the willingness to see things from all known aspects. These are the basis for reaching tranquility. Let go of your preconceived notions and mindsets and begin to view the world as a vast stage that is interconnected to a universe of infinite possibilities. Each person is a

vital piece of the cosmic quilt. Learn to connect to the universe and let that flow through you like a beacon.

The first step is to connect back into the universal energy. This will cause you to see through spiritual eyes and not worldly ones. Through spiritual eyes, we shed our mortal concerns, petty differences and begin to take on a more compassionate view of the world. Race, religion, background, and financial stature will not matter to one who has connected into this energy. All of those things are just aspects of the stage that we are playing on. Look into the heart of those around you and see the real.

You will find that we are all interconnected. We are a collective of a universal story called love. Each of us is an actor with many facets that tell our personal story. But it takes all of us to truly tell the whole story. When you realize this fact, you can begin to see the ripple effect. Each person you meet intertwines with your story and you with theirs. Who you are influences them and who they are influences you. The universal picture of the world begins to enter into our scope as you see how this ripple effect spreads on and on through more and more people. If you touch one person's life and show them

something good, they go on to touch twenty more lives, and each of them go on to touch twenty more lives and so on. With that understanding you can work towards higher goals. Instead of spreading fear or sadness, spread happiness and love. By your act of kindness towards one person, it can spread to a sea of people.

No one is better than anyone else. We all dance to the beat of a different drummer. Because financial status and clout does not matter on a universal scale, it really only serves the ego on this small planet. Look past that. Look past beauty, look past money, look past accomplishments and look into the heart. What you find in the heart or soul is the only thing that is transferable from this life. If you find gold within, you are rich. If you find emptiness within, though you have gold on the outside, you have nothing.

In this life we are led to believe that the illusions are the reality. Money, job description, how big your house is, how nice your car is are all issues that we are led to believe are substantial. But they are not. None of that matters. Truth is that you can't take any of it with you. If you are empty inside your heart and soul, all you will take with you is emptiness. Having nice things is not a problem. However,

making that your only goal in life is a serious problem. Instead of focusing on things, focus on you. Make yourself the best you that you can be. Turn your heart of clay into a heart of gold.

The state of tranquility is found when we completely unite with nature, a higher energy and everything around us. It is a self-awakening. It is becoming one with the universe and finding peace within ourselves. It is to look past the illusion of this world and to see the universe as a whole. It is having without possessing, acting without expecting, and leading without trying to control. It is observing the world but trusting in your inner self and a higher guide, allowing yourself to participate but always remembering that it is indeed a stage. The passage to tranquility begins within. It was always in you, you just had to find it.

All for the Love of Money

What has happened to us? In our attempt to achieve the dream of success, we have lost it all. We have forgotten who we are and have become so involved with the lower reality that we can no longer see the truth. We smile through the pain as we attempt to achieve the house on the hill with the two-car garage. Is it worth it? We have been setting ourselves up for disaster since the day we were born. Pictures of the perfect life dazzled in front of us as those around us mind wash us into believing that we are nothing unless we achieve the goals set by others. Not our goals, but their goals. Anyone with goals that do not match the ones offered, are considered losers, washouts or unsuccessful. An artist, who lives in apartment with boxes as furniture, as he eats old bread so that he can put his money into his dream, is considered unsuccessful. Even if he achieves his dream and paints the most incredible picture since Michelangelo, he is still

considered unsuccessful unless his work is recognized. The fact that he achieved it is of little importance to others.

A man who lives with nothing as he studies day and night to unlock the secrets of the universe is considered unsuccessful if he does not bring those secrets to light. Never mind the fact that he has placed all his worldly desires aside as he uses every last drop of his resources and energy to achieve his dream. The facts are simple; you are nothing unless you adhere to the standards set up around you. They treat you like nothing unless you are recognized for the time and effort you have exhausted on your quest.

Whose ideas are these anyway? Who was given the power to predetermine what standards should be used to label someone successful or unsuccessful? Who should be called a failure and who should be called successful? Would you call the man who has the house on the hill with the two-car garage successful if you knew how he acquired that money? What if I were to tell you that his ruthlessness caused the death of many people? Would you still look up to him as a mentor, as someone who has been successful in acquiring the dream of success? What about that pretty, young

businesswoman who owns a multibillion-dollar corporation? Would you still be so impressed with her if you knew that the only reason she is at the top is because she threw her morals away and used every person she came in contact with for her own personal gain? Would you still be so inclined to think she had made a success of herself?

The Master does not try to be powerful; thus, he is truly powerful. The ordinary man keeps reaching for power; thus, he never has enough. When you are content to simply be yourself, without comparing or competing, you will gain respect from others. Which is more destructive, success or failure? Be content with what you are. When you realize that you have everything without having anything, the whole world belongs to you. When you reach out for what you do not have, the world becomes a sea of suffering. When you follow the standards set for you by others, you are not being true to yourself. When all that is important is how successful you are in the eyes of others, you lose all self-respect. Free from desire, you realize the mystery. Caught in desire, you see only what you do not have.

When people see some things as beautiful, other things must become ugly or there is no definition. When people see some things as

good, other things must become bad, or again there will be no definition. To see someone as successful, someone else must be labeled unsuccessful. Definitions are only labels, set by someone else's standards. Follow not what someone else deems as perfect; follow only your heart.

In every human heart, there is a book of truth. The pages may be worn with time, the cover may be tarnished, but the book is within each of us. Life's misfortune and fortune are caused entirely by the mind. A burning desire for gain is a pit of fire. An indulgence of greed is a sea of suffering. If to be successful means that we must throw ourselves into this sea of suffering, is it truly worth it? If to become successful means that we must throw our morals to the wind then was it worth it? To indulge in greed means that one must want. To become successful by mortal standards means that one must want something so bad that they will surpass all limitations to get it. Therefore, to become successful by the standards set by others means that you must throw yourself into that sea of greed to do so. To be true to yourself, you cannot be true to money.

Have you ever seen moths fluttering around a light in the middle of the night? The light dazzles them so much that their lives become of little importance. They do not differentiate between the light of a bulb and the light of a candle or bug zapper. When a moth throws themselves into one of these lights, they die. A moth will flutter any of these dazzling lights, exhausting themselves for what? They gain nothing. And so it is with money. When a man is wealthy, he should understand the sufferings of the poor and humble. That is the only wealth that is successful. Not only does he have the means to achieve what he wishes; he was also successful in how he obtained it. A greedy man may be materially rich, but spiritually poor. A contented man may be materially poor but spiritually rich. Gain itself is not wrong but we must question how that gain happened. If the gain was made at the expense of others and your soul, that that gain was wrong and has done damage to others and yourself.

Money is a lot of work. The more you make, the more you must have. With success comes responsibility. Many times, those who crave the success have no idea what is really in store for them. Someone who holds a high position may feel physically at ease, but

mentally taxed. Someone who holds a lower position may feel physically fatigued but mentally at ease. Which of these is gain, which of these is loss? Which of these are real accomplishments and which one is unreal? Only a man of insight can distinguish.

Your success lies solely on how you achieved your position, whatever your position may be. If we acquire things through hard work and morally driven ambitions, everything we acquire is good and may be counted as part of our success. If we have acquired through lies, deceit, moral-less ambitions and greed, we have nothing more than an empty pot.

People believe money is the answer to all difficulties, without understanding the difficulties. Money is not a quick fix; there will still be many difficulties that must be faced when you have it. Money and the things it can buy are pleasurable, but your mind must be free of greed to ever learn to enjoy it. How would you like to have thousands of dollars that you are afraid to spend because you are afraid of not having money? This is the simplest form of greed. Chase after money and security and your heart will never unclench. The more tainted your mind is, the worse your greed will become until like a flesh

eating worm, it devours your being. To appreciate one does not need to look very far; to be inspired one does not need to have much. If you can be happy with what you have and use your morally inclined ambition to achieve your dreams, you will find happiness at the end of the rainbow. However, if you are not happy with what you have now, when you achieve more you will not be happy either.

To truly be a success, it matters not what you obtain but how you do it. In the eyes of others, it matters not whether you are in favor or humiliation. All that matters is what you think for yourself. When you care about other people's approval, you become their prisoner. To chase after the dreams of others to gain importance in their eyes will bring you nothing. To achieve your own dreams, however small they may be, will bring you everything.

In a little dull, jagged stone, one may visualize the magnificence of mountains or rivers thousands of miles long. In a word or sentence of the ancient sages, he may learn to read their minds. If he can, he has the vision of the noble and the mind of the wise. This man has unshackled his heart from the love of money and found true success.

These Things that I Know

I should have walked away
When I first heard the call
Sometimes I still want to
Would it matter at all?
These things that they have taught me
These things that I know
Never prepared me for this
Strange path I would go

I was given a birthright
The day I was born
But the pages are tattered
And the cover is torn
All the stories I have read
These things that I know
Never prepared me for what
It is I must show

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Your hunger for a knowledge that you cannot explain is very strong. I know that you have been searching everywhere. You are caught in a web right now between the world that they want you to see, and the world that you know deep inside. I know that you have been looking and trying to decipher what is real and true. I also know that you have been finding much disappointment in what you have discovered. You are finding disappointment because deep inside you knew that there was more to it than you have found out there in the mainstream. To find the truth is harder than just knowing it is there.

What you see before you is all an illusion. This book, where you are sitting, the place you are in, none of it is real on a universal scale. This is all a movie; and you are the main actor. You are here because we are being taught lessons. You are portraying your aspect of this movie called Life. Everything you do, say and feel becomes relative to your aspect of the movie

We have been programmed to believe that we must live in a world of rules, systems and limitations. That we must live by the system in order to survive and prosper, and that if we do not adhere to that system we are nothing, is a fallacy. We have been programmed to

behave in this manner for so long that we are unable to see what is truly going on. We cannot recognize the signs of the programming becoming more uniform because we do not even realize that we have been programmed. Further, behind the scenes, the programming was changed to enslave us. In the beginning we were free. We had a small list of rules to follow that would lead us to our own happiness. Do not steal, Do not cheat people are examples of these ten little rules. Today, the list of do not's that society has placed upon us is so large that it fills law libraries. Moreover the systems we follow now are there to enslave and snare, not to enrich or better. The limitations of today keep us in check. It is mind control, it is programming.

Advertising, popular music, television, movies, mainstream books are all a part of this programming. That is why the TV guide gives you that day's programming. Your mind is being conditioned to accept certain facts and certain ideologies. News channels, newspapers, reality TV, it is all the same. You are being given a certain set of information to accept as fact. Who determines the truth of a fact? Who has the power to tell the rest of us what we should

believe? Why is it that we hide our head in the sand like an ostrich and follow mindlessly like lemmings?

We have been programmed to believe this way. We have allowed ourselves to become stagnant. This country was never designed to be a money-hungry group of capitalists, interested in only what wealth our decisions would bring. It was based on a dream of freedom. Unlike our forefathers we allow ourselves to be caged, we allow our minds to be trapped in what others deem as the perfect society. We fall under the mindset that if you do not adhere to the system of money, rules and limitations set before you by corporations and business than you are nothing. This rabbit hole goes way deeper than that. It is deeper than mind control, deeper than programming, deeper than slavery. You and I are less free than the slaves of Babylon. It does not have to be that way, we can be free. We free ourselves by waking up and realizing that the reality that surrounds us was only the illusion. The forces that try to control and cage may continue altering this reality that we live in, but they cannot touch our mind, unless we let them. To see past this lower reality and into the

universal ways of things, allows us to bypass this control. We can learn to remove the illusions.

A Kung Fu master is such because he has learned the most important lesson of all. He can extinguish a flame from six feet away with a mere gesture of his hand; for he has learned that there is no flame, there is only the removal of the illusion from his mind. Once the mind realizes that there was never a flame, the flame ceases to exist. When we learn to remove the illusions, we learn that none of this lower reality really mattered anyway, the lower reality contained lessons to teach us more about the universal reality. What was more important is your inner core and who you are. Further, all that mattered was what you chose to become, which is displayed in your morals, faith and love.

Until We Meet Again

You wanted to know the truth. You wanted to know what it is that drives you, what fuels your desire to learn more. That burning question that sears your mind, beckoning to you, it is calling. You now have the foundation to answer that question. The truth is out there, obscured through walls of lies. The real question is how bad do you what to know the answer? Is it worth it? Are you willing to give up everything you have known in your attempt to find what is real? Are you willing to change your mind from the self centered, financially driven creatures that we have been in your quest to calm the inner wave of desire to understand the mysteries of life? If your answer is yes, then you have just removed the programming that you have been given from birth and have already installed the new program.

The mind is an extraordinary thing. It is the CPU of our body, processing the input according to the instructions of the programming

you have been given. A program is nothing more than the set of instructions to process the data. The input is everything that you see, hear and experience. The output is what you do with what you have been given. If you have succeeded in changing your programming, than you realize that anything is possible. There are no limitations, except for those we place on ourselves. To remove just the limitation program, creates a brand new world. To remove the program of being enlightened individuals opens up many new worlds as we realize that there is so much information left to learn. And to realize that we are nothing but mere ants that walk the face of the planet opens up an entire universe. You are whatever you believe you are and whatever you believe that you are is what you will become.

Although it may not seem like it, we have covered a lot of information so far. The interesting thing about this book is that the more you read it, the more you will understand. It was purposely written so that within each chapter there would be levels. Those who are less informed can read this book and understand the general gist of what is being said without becoming overwhelmed. Those who are more informed can read this book and delve into the hidden meanings

and coded information that has also been written into each chapter. Each time you read the book, you will begin to digest more of the mental platter until you reach a deeper understanding of who you are. The information in this book was inside of you all along. You just needed to be reminded.

There is so much we refuse to understand, so much left to learn. Here we are, trying to understand the fundamental nature of quantum physics and we cannot even understand the fundamental nature of our mind. We play childish games aiming to hide our own insecurities and fears. We strive for more just to feel as if we have some, never realizing that we are more without gain. We fight for our beliefs and yet, what is it we really believe? We think we are informed and that we know what is going on in the world around us, and yet many of us have no idea just how deep that rabbit hole goes.

Some of us are duped into believing that financial gain is the code to our success. The more we have, the more successful we have been. I would bet that our beloved monks would beg to differ. They own nothing more than a rice bowl, their robe and their sandals. Who is happier, the CEO for a multi-million dollar corporation, a man with

everything, or our beloved monks? The larger the fortune hoarded, the greater the loss, the higher the climb, the quicker the fall. If one has nothing, he has nothing to lose.

To understand who is happier, all you must remember is that the eyes are the windows to the soul. They reveal everything without prejudice, morals or lies. All needs, desires, loves, and wants manifest in a twinkling of the eyes. To know those around you all you must do is watch and listen. To know yourself, all you must do is learn to understand those around you. Knowing others is intelligence. Knowing yourself is true wisdom. To gain this wisdom, remove the illusions.

There is no greater illusion than fear. To become truly wise, all illusions must be swept aside. Fear must be overcome. To understand eliminates fear and to eliminate fear produces understanding. It seems paradoxical, but all true words seem so. Understand who you are, and learn to remove your fears. As you do so, you will gain a higher understanding. The more you understand, the more there is to learn. We know nothing, and yet, we know everything. Do not let the amount of information that you do not know hinder you on your

journey, for you will never know all there is to learn. To claim that we are wise men would mean we surely do not know. To understand that we will never know everything means we know everything that we need to understand.

We can be anything we wish to be. We are the beholders of our own futures. Nothing is ever set in stone. If you do not like what is happening to you, change it by changing which path you are on. Remember that the cards of destiny are held within. This stage is yours to shine upon. You are the actor and the writer of your script. Do with it whatever you wish. To be or not to be, that should be your question.

Learn to truly love, learn that you are worthy. Open your soul and love even when there is no one to receive it or reciprocate. When you learn to love others, you will learn to love yourself. Do not hold onto pain. Let it go. Learn to open yourself, even when there is a chance of getting hurt. Real love does not happen unless you open yourself completely, no matter what the consequences. This is a mortal requirement, a fundamental of our soul. Understand the

fundamental nature of your mind. When the heart is ready, the teacher will come.

Do not compare yourself to your companions. We are each individuals, mere paintings in the rough. What works for someone else may not work for you. If you do not keep the pace of your fellow companions, maybe it is because you dance to the beat of a different drummer. Dance to the music you hear, however measured or far away. Destiny is your goal. You will never be given the hunger for something without the power to achieve it. Use the power, turn the illusions within the walls of your mind into reality and set yourself free.

Learn to trust yourself. In every human heart, there is a book of truth. Listen to your inner guide and avoid anything that makes you feel uncomfortable. What makes you feel uncomfortable is what you feel is wrong. If you avoid the things that you feel is wrong, you will always do what you believe to be right, no matter if it is what others believe is right. Prevent troubles before they arise. Put things in order before they exist. When you rush into action, you fail. When you

cling to things, you lose them. The journey of a thousand miles starts with the first step.

To have wisdom, learn to open your mind. To understand this journey of obtaining wisdom, all you must do is remove the illusion of non-enlightenment and all the rest will follow. We each have the answers inside of ourselves, a universal sea of knowledge and intuition. All the answers you need come from within. To become one with yourself and the universe you must learn to have without possessing, act without expectation, guide without interfering, overcome without competing, answer without speaking, arrive without being summoned, accomplish without a plan and teach without teaching. Learn to observe the world but trust only yourself, leaving your mind as open as the sky. The possibilities are endless. There are no limitations except for the ones we place upon ourselves. Remove the limitations and set yourself free.

A pure mind is required to read the classics and understand the wisdom of the ancients. The ancients were profound and enlightened. Their wisdom was unfathomable. When a man has realized the essential nature of his mind, he can speak of enlightenment. True

words are not eloquent. Eloquent words are not true. Wise men do not need to prove their point. Men who need to prove their point are not wise. The path into light seems dark, the path forward seems to go back, the direct path seems long, true power seems weak, true clarity seems obscure, the greatest love seems indifferent and the greatest wisdom seems childish.

I am not concerned with whether or not you believe the words that I have written; I care that you have taken the time to look. I am not concerned with your age; I care about how far you have progressed. How far will you go for your dreams, for the luxury of being alive? I am not interested in what circumstances brought you here; I am interested in what you will do now that you are here. I am not concerned with what you were like before you read this book; I am concerned with what you will be like now. I am not interested in what you have accomplished; I want to know if you are capable of opening your soul to the greatest extent and able to love without reserve. I am not concerned with those you have loved before; I am interested in how you will love now. I do not care what color your skin happens to be or what nationality you are; I only look within your soul. What

does your soul long for, what do you dream about at night, who are you? Those are my questions.

As rivers have a source in some far off mountain, so too the spirit has a source. When you find this source is when you unlock the secrets of heaven and earth. Smaller than an electron, this source contains uncountable galaxies. All things end at the source, just as all things begin at the source. The source is alpha and the omega. There was something formless and perfect before the universe was born, serene, empty, infinite and eternally present. Returning to the source is serenity. Each small intricate piece returns to create the whole. When you look within and realize where you came from, life is understandable. You realize that you can deal with anything life brings you, and when death comes, you are ready. Empty your mind of all thoughts and let your heart be at peace. This is the way.

When we have nothing, we have nothing to lose. When you think, do it simplistically. In conflict, be fair. In governing, do not control. In work, do what you enjoy. In family, be completely there. Because you have let go of yourself, you are completely fulfilled. You

fulfill your obligations and correct your mistakes, doing what needs to be done while demanding nothing of others.

Someone, who is mentally pure, may go anywhere they wish. What they perceive is universal harmony, even amid great pain, because they have found peace in their heart. View the world with compassion because you understand the whole. Practice humility because you understand yourself. Do not cling to things or ideas. If you want to be given everything, give everything up.

I am not wise; I am simplistic. This book was written to simply remind people who they have always been. I care nothing about this world; thus, I can care for all things. I do not cling to my own comfort; thus, difficulties are no longer obstacles for me. Become as a child and there will be nothing you cannot do. Open the doors of your mind and return to the source. Realize where you came from, this is the essence of wisdom.

Until we meet again,

Love

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